

with South Africa and Israel, commercial alliances for promoting trade with US and European Union and regional initiatives for trade with SAARC countries resulting in operationalising SAPTA.

(e) There has been a steady and sustained growth in India's exports.

[English]

Income Tax Tribunals

1255. SHRI S.D.N.R. WADIYAR : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Income Tax Tribunals set up in the country and location thereof;

(b) whether the Government have a proposal to open an Income Tax Tribunal at Bangalore;

(c) if so, the steps taken in this regard; and

(d) the details of other places where new Income Tax Tribunals are likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS, LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP) : (a) The Income-tax Appellate Tribunal has at present 38 benches at 19 stations around the country. The details of these benches are as follows :

	Name of Station	No. of Benches
1.	Mumbai	5
2.	Delhi	5
3.	Calcutta	5
4.	Madras	4
5.	Ahmedabad	3
6.	Nagpur	1
7.	Pune	1
8.	Allahabad	2
9.	Amritsar	1
10.	Chandigarh	1
11.	Indore	1
12.	Jabalpur	1
13.	Jaipur	1
14.	Cuttack	1
15.	Guwahati	1
16.	Patna	1
17.	Bangalore	1
18.	Cochin	1
19.	Hyderabad	2

(b) to (d) Government has recently decided to establish 15 new benches of the Tribunal at the following

places :

	Name of Station	No. of Benches
1.	Rajkot	1
2.	Agra	1
3.	Bangalore	2
4.	Mumbai	5
5.	Chandigarh	1
6.	New Delhi	2
7.	Jodhpur	1
8.	Panaji	1
9.	Vishakhapatnam	1

Exemption to Cyclone Relief Goods

1256. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have issued orders exempting cyclone relief goods from duties;

(b) if so, whether this decision has helped in getting good response from exporters for relief and rehabilitation to these cyclone victims in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) if so, the total number of goods imported and donated for the relief and rehabilitation of this cyclone affected people of Andhra Pradesh;

(d) whether some more concessions are being provided so that more relief comes to the people of Andhra Pradesh who are affected by the cyclone; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR) : (a) Yes, Sir. The Government has issued notification Nos. 2/97-Customs and 1/97-Central Excise both dated 15.1.1997 providing full exemption from customs and excise duties to goods imported/manufactured and donated for the relief and rehabilitation of the cyclone affected people of Andhra Pradesh. Both these exemptions are valid upto 30.6.1997.

(b) and (c) No data is available in this regard.

(d) and (e) Since the notifications grant full exemption from both customs and excise duties on all goods donated for the relief and rehabilitation of the cyclone victims, the question of giving further concessions in customs and excise duties does not arise.

Long Term Loans to Bihar, U.P. and Delhi

1257. SHRIMATI MEIRA KUMAR : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the amount of long term loan given to the Bihar,

Uttar-Pradesh and NCT of Delhi out of the net small savings collections, during each of the last three years;

(b) the conditions attached to such long term loans; and

(c) the extent to which these conditions have been observed by the respective States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR) : (a) The amount of loans released against net small savings collections to States of Bihar, U.P. and NCT of Delhi during the period 1993-94 to 1995-96 are as follows :

(In Crores of Rs.)

Year	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
Bihar	168.99	245.10	428.49
U.P.	797.39	1644.17	1462.98
Delhi*	—	343.03	607.38

* The Small Savings loans to UT Governments (With legislature) are given only from the year 1994-95.

(b) At present 75% of the net collection under small savings schemes by States/UT Governments is given to them as longterm loans @ 14.50% per annum. The period of loan is 25 years including an initial moratorium of five year towards repayment of principal during which interest is recovered in nine equal monthly instalments on the 1st of every month beginning from July. On expiry of the period of moratorium the loan is recovered in 20 annual equal instalments.

(c) So far no complaints have been received by Central Government regarding the non-observance of the above terms and conditions by the Governments of Bihar, U.P. and Delhi.

Expansion of Banking Services in Orissa

1258. SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to expand banking services in rural areas of the country particularly in Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the places in rural areas, particularly in Orissa where new branches of the nationalised banks are likely to be opened, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR) : (a) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) have reported that it is left to the judgement of the individual banks to assess the need for opening additional rural branches within their service area. The banks' proposals for opening branches at rural centres falling within the service area of the applicant banks are to be forwarded to RBI through the concerned State Government.

(b) and (c) State-wise details (including Orissa) of authorisations issued to nationalised banks during period April 1, 1995 to January 31, 1997 for opening branches in rural areas and which are yet to be opened, as per information available with RBI are given in the Statement enclosed.

Statement

State-wise Details of Authorisations Issued to Nationalised Banks during the period 1-4-1995 to 31-1-1997 for Opening Branches in Rural Areas and which are yet to be opened.

Bank	Centre	District	State
1	2	3	4
Union Bank of India	Poranki	Krishna	Andhra Pradesh
Indian Bank	Nagayalanka	Krishna	Andhra Pradesh
Central Bank of India	Baraharia	Siwan	Bihar
Central Bank of India	Khajura	Gopalganj	Bihar
Corporation Bank	Badalia	Kutch	Gujarat
Corporation Bank	Madhopur	Kutch	Gujarat
Syndicate Bank	Manesar	Gurgaon	Haryana
Oriental Bank of Commerce	Madlauda	Panipat	Haryana
Bank of Baroda	Village Dosarka	Ambala	Haryana
Oriental Bank of Commerce	Manesar	Gurgaon	Haryana
Punjab National Bank	Dobhi	Kulu	Himachal Pradesh
Punjab National Bank	Bangana	Una	Himachal Pradesh
Punjab National Bank	Gagret	Una	Himachal Pradesh
Punjab National bank	Amb	Una	Himachal Pradesh